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SUMMARY: AT AUG. 16 MEETING ROK, UK, AUSTRALIA, JAPANESE AND UK MISOFFS AGREED (A) UNCURK REPORT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ASAP; (B) RES NEEDED TO TERMINATE UNCURK; (C) OMNIBUS RES BEST APPROACH FOR OUR SIDE TO PUT FORWARD TO RETAIN INITIATIVE; (D) DEPENDING UPON RESULTS OF SOUNDINGS RES MIGHT HAVE TO CONTAIN LANGUAGE DEALING WITH UNC. MISOFFS AGREED ON TENTATIVE LANGUAGE FOR KEY PARAS OMNIBUS RES. UK AGREED ASK DANES TRY WORK ON CONSENSUS STATEMENT OR RES ON INVITATIONS ISSUE IN FIRST COMITE. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED AUGUST 21. ACTION REQUIRED: VIEWS ON DRAFT LANGUAGE. END SUMMARY.

1. JAPAN, ROK, UK AUSTRALIA AND US MISOFFS MET AUGUST 16 FOR DETAILED DISCUSSION ON KOREAN QUESTION. POLCOUNS CHAIRED MEETING. ALL MISOFFS AGREED THERE NO INDICATION THAT OPPOSITION NOW MEETING IN NEW YORK. NAGAI CONFIDENTIAL

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(JAPAN) SAID NON-ALIGNED REPS SAID THEY AWAITING ARRIVAL DPRK OBSERVER MISSION BEFORE CONVENING STRATEGY SESSION. OHTAKA (JAPAN) REPORTED THAT PRC REPS RECENTLY SAID THEY CONTINUE SUPPORT DPRK OPPOSITION TO UN MEMBERSHIP WHICH CHINESE SAID WOULD NOT CHANGE.

2. GROUP REAFFIRMED DESIRABILITY OF CONSENSUS ON INVITATION OF TWO KOREAS TO PARTICIPATE IN FIRST COMITE DEBATE. WESTON (UK) VOLUNTEERED DISCUSS WITH DANISH MISSION (WHOSE PERMREP WILL CHAIR FIRST COMITE) WHETHER NORDICS WOULD TAKE INITIATIVE TO ACHIEVE EITHER CONSENSUS STATEMENT BY COMITE CHAIRMAN OR RES WHICH WOULD BE ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. HAM (ROK) SAID ROK WOULD SLIGHTLY PREFER STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN BUT HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH NEUTRALLY WORDED RES IF THAT EASIER TO OBTAIN. GROUP AGREED NORDIC-SPONSORED RES, FOLLOWING SOUNDINGS WITH DPRK, WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO OUT TABLING A RES OR TRYING ELIMINATE UNPLEASANT PREAMBULAR PARAS FROM RES OTHER SIDE LIKELY PRODUCE. IF NORDICS INDICATE UNWILLINGNESS TAKE THIS TASK ON, GROUP WOULD DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE ACTION AT NEXT MEETING ON AUGUST 21. HAM SUGGESTED FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR NON-CONTENTIOUS INVITATIONS RES: "THE FIRST COMITE DECIDES TO INVITE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ROK AND THE DPRK TO TAKE PART WITHOUT THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN THE DISCUSSIONS OF QUESTIONS RELATING TO KOREA."

3. GROUP AGREED IT IMPORTANT SUBMIT UNCURK REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER MAINTAIN MOMENTUM AND FOR TACTICAL PURPOSES RELATED TO SUBMISSION OF OUR RES. HAM SAID ROK FONMIN KIM HAD AGREED THAT ANNUAL UNCURK REPORT, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATION FOR ITS DISSOLUTION, SHOULD SUBMITTED TO UN NO LATER THAN AUGUST 25. CAMPBELL (AUSTRALIA) NOTED THERE APPEARED BE UNCERTAINTY AMONG SOME UNCURK MEMBERS AS TO ROK OBJECTIVES ON UNCURK. HAM SAID FONMIN KIM WOULD RESOLVE THIS AS SOON AS HE RETURNED TO SEOUL AUGUST 17. THE FONMIN WILL TELL UNCURK MEMBERS THAT ROK SUPPORTS AUSTRALIAN DRAFT CALLING FOR UNCURK RECOMMENDING ITS TERMINATION. MISOFF QUERIED GROUP WHETHER RES NECESSARY IN ORDER TERMINATE UNCURK. WESTON, BAGAI, CAMPBELL, HAM ALL STRESSED RES ESSENTIAL IN ORDER FACILITATE ORDERLY TERMINATION AND WITHOUT IT, WE WOULD LOSE CONTROL OF SITUATION.
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4. ROK AND AUSTRALIAN DESL CIRCULATED COPIES OF DRAFT OMNIBUS RESES WHICH SERVED AS BASIS REST OF DISCUSSIONS. GROUP REAFFIRMED THAT OMNIBUS RES PREFERABLE AS TACTICAL MEANS COMBAT HOSTILE RES WHICH OTHER SIDE EXPECTED TO TABLE. HAM SAID ROK ENVISIONS OUR OMNIBUS RES WOULD CONTAIN OPERATIVE PARAS WELCOMING SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE, DISSOLVING UNCURK AND FAVORING SIMULTANEOUS ADMISSION. HAM SAID ROK EXPECTS RES WOULD INCLUDE PARA ON UNC AND PROVIDED GROUP WITH FOUR ALTERNATIVE TEXTS RANGING FROM CONTINUATION UNC TO DISSOLUTION UNC. HAM SAID ROK BELIEVES REFERENCE TO UNC NECESSARY SINCE IN SOUNDINGS IN MORE THAN 40 COUNTRIES, IN EACH INSTANCE, ROK WAS ASKED WHAT IT PLANS DO ABOUT UNC. GROUP ARGUED, AND HAM AGREED, THAT INCLUSION IN RES OF LANGUAGE THAT APPEARED URGE CONTINUATION OF UNC WOULD BE

INFLAMMATORY AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND IF THIS ONLY CHOICE, IT BETTER HAVE NO REFERENCE TO UNC. IF OUR SOUNDINGS INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT REFERENCE TO UNC NECESSARY, THEN OPERATIVE PARA ALONG LINES OF FOLLOWING MIGHT BE USED FOR OPENER: "NOTING THAT THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT OF 27 JULY 1953 IS INDISPENSABLE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN KOREA AND THAT THE UNC IS A PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT, REQUESTS THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF REACHING AGREEMENT TO ENSURE THE MAINTENANCE OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENTS AND THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN KOREA SO THAT THE UNC MAY BE DISSOLVED.

5. GROUP AGREED TO FOLLOWING TENTATIVE LANGUAGE ON UNCURK NOTING APPROVAL FROM RESPECTIVE CAPITALS NECESSARY FOR ALL DRAFT LANGUAGE: "DECIDES TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT OF UNCURK (INSERT DATE) THAT IT BE DISSOLVED." OHTAKA, SUPPORTED BY WESTON AND CAMPBELL, NOTED THAT OUT SUPPORTERS COULD PRAISE UNCURK IN EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS BUT THAT FOR PURPOSE OF WINNING SUPPORT FOR OUR RES, IT WISE TO MAKE UNCURK LANGUAGE AS NON-CONTENTIOUS AS POSSIBLE.

6. GROUP AGREED TO FOLLOWING APPROACH ON MEMBERSHIP QUESTION: "ADMISSION OF THE ROK AND THE DPRK TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN, IF EITHER OR BOTH SO DESIRE, WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT
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STEP IN THE PROCESS OF EASING TENSIONS IN KOREA AND WOULD HELP PROMOTE THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE AREA, ON WHICH BASIS THE GOAL OF UNIFICATION WOULD FURTHER BE PURSUED."

7. CAMPBELL AND OHTAKA SAID AT PRESENT NEITHER CANBERRA NOR TOKYO HAS STARTED SOUNDINGS SINCE BOTH UNCLEAR WHAT QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED. CAMPBELL SAID BASED ON THIS MEETING, HE EXPECTED CANBERRA WOULD COMMENCE ITS SOUNDINGS. WESTON SAID FCO CONSIDERS THAT SINCE ROK, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND US PLANNING TAKE BROAD SOUNDINGS, IN ORDER AVOID CONFUSING ISSUE BY TOO MANY APPROACHES, UK SOUNDINGS AT THIS STAGE WOULD BE LIMITED TO EC MEMBERS. UK WILL START AT EC 9 POLITICAL MEETING ON AUGUST 27. ON TIMING, GROUP AGREED WE SHOULD WORK FOR PRIORITY ON OUR RES AND THUS TENTATIVELY PLAN TABLE OUR OMNIBUS RES SHORTLY AFTER UNCURK REPORT SUBMITTED, I.E. END OF AUGUST OR FIRST WEEK SEPTEMBER.

8. DEPT - WOULD APPRECIATE REACTION TO TENTATIVE LANGUAGE PRIOR TO AUGUST 21 MEETING.
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